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SUBJ: SITREP NO. 26: PATTERSON KIDNAPPING: MEDIA COVERAGE

1. PATTERSON KIDNAP STORY WAS GIVEN ONE OR TWO COLUMNS ON PAGE ONE IN ALL MEXICO CITY A.M. DAILIES WITH THE EXCEPTION OF EL UNIVERSAL, AND LA PRENSA WHICH RAN THE STORY ON ITS BACK PAGE. LINE WAS THAT JOHN PATTERSON, VICE CONSUL AT HERMOSILLO CONSULATE APPARENTLY KIDNAPPED BY 23RD OF SEPTEMBER (COMMUNIST) LEAGUE. MEXICAN ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE SAYS HE WAS LAST SEEN AT 10:30 A.M. MARCH 22 WHEN HE LEFT HIS OFFICE AT THE CONSULATE ACCOMPANIED BY AN AMERICAN CITIZEN. THE TWO MEN BOARDED A CAR WHICH WAS LATER FOUND ABANDONED. UNOFFICIAL REPORTS SAY KIDNAPPERS ARE ASKING 50,000 DOLLARS (OR 500,000 DOLLARS) RANSOM FOR HIS RELEASE.

2. EXCELSIOR SAYS SITUATION CRITICAL "SINCE AUTHORITIES SPECULATE THE KIDNAPPING IS IN REPRISAL FOR THE RECENT CAPTURE OF FOUR GUERRILLAS AND THE KILLING OF THEIR INSTRUCTOR LESS THAN A WEEK AGO. INSTRUCTOR IDENTIFIED AS PAUL REICHEL BRAUMAN AND THE GROUP WAS SAID TO BE PLANNING TO BLOW UP PEMEX PIPELINES AND REFINERIES AND TO KIDNAP NOBEL PEACE PRIZE WINNER DR. NORMAN BORLAUG. KIDNAPPERS WARNED PATTERSON'S WIFE NOT TO TELL POLICE OR THE PRESS BUT ACCORDING TO EXCELSIOR INVESTIGATIONS BEGAN THE SAME DAY HE DISAPPEARED AND IT WAS CONFIRMED, UNINTENTIONALLY, BY ATTORNEY GENERAL WILLIAM SAXBE IN WASHINGTON. EL SOL AND OTHER PAPERS REPORT FBI AGENTS WORKING ON THE CASE. AN EARLY MORNING CBS NEWS REPORT FROM NEW YORK BROADCAST BY THE LOCAL ENGLISH

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MORNING RADIO STATION STATED THAT RUMORS ABOUT THE KIDNAPPING

ABOUT AND SOME SPECULATE THAT PATTERSON DISAPPEARED OF HIS
OWN ACCORD.

3. FURTHER COVERAGE EXPECTED, WITH PRESSURE PARTICULARLY
BEARING ON CG HERMOSILLO.
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